

FINANCIAL NEWS

WILD DAY IN WALL STREET;
BALDWIN CROSSES PAR
General Motors, Crucible Steel and Others Score New High-Record Quotations in Violently Active Session—Du Pont Operations Watched

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The trading at the resumption of business in Wall street today was wild. Baldwin Locomotive was the feature, crossing par for the first time in its history and then rising well above that figure. Of course, the story that the du Ponts had bought control was the big factor in the upswing. Officers of the company would neither affirm nor deny that such was the case. Nor could any confirmation be obtained of the rumor of an alliance with Charles M. Schwab.

The success of the Allies was regarded as the chief market stimulant. The copper stocks became buoyant, the rise reflecting the belief that the completion of the big loan arrangements would be followed by heavy purchases of the red metal. United States Steel was also buoyant. St. Paul was one of the strongest of the railroad issues, but most of them showed firmness. American can scored a sharp advance of several points.

Rumors that the Lackawanna Steel Company would figure in the Midvale deal sent the stock soaring to the highest levels in years, while Crucible Steel scored a new high record. New tops for the year were established in New York Central, Erie, Pennsylvania and Southern Railway. Distillers and Industrial Alcohol sought higher levels because of the heavy demand for alcohol from the manufacturers of explosives.

Around 1 o'clock Baldwin extended its advance above 112, a rise of over 16 points from Saturday, while Bethlehem Steel also scored a new high record. General Motors jumped over 25 points to a new high. It was altogether the most exciting session since the resumption of business following the long closing of the market at the outbreak of the war. During the first hour alone nearly half a million shares changed hands and the total had passed the million mark by 2 o'clock. Over \$2,000,000 bonds were traded in up to noon. American Locomotive became a buoyant feature in the afternoon. It was said the morning mail brought more orders to the commission houses than ever before in the experience of the oldest brokers as a result of the news from France. The volume of business at the opening was so great that the Stock Exchange facilities were found inadequate. Sales were made at widely varying prices at the same instant and about the same posts. It was a physical impossibility for the messengers on the floor to secure correct reports of all the sales and for the Stock Exchange reporters to place them on the record.

The name of du Pont was heard everywhere and hailed as the new leader in Wall street. Several of the family are said to be conducting operations on a scale not seen since the days of E. H. Harriman. Others associated with them are said to be S. M. Pryor, of the Remington Company, and J. J. Haskell, the latter being in active control of the market operations of the group. His transactions have been cleverly masked and in the acquisition of control of General Motors not an inkling of du Pont interest reached the public until the directors' meeting was held, the \$50 dividend declared and the names of the new nominees for the directorate were given out.

Heavy Orders for Alcohol

The United States Industrial Alcohol has closed a contract with one of the domestic powder manufacturers for 120,000,000 pounds of alcohol, the largest individual order for alcohol ever placed in this country. On account of the limited free facilities of the plants of the Alcohol Company, the contract will be filled jointly with the Distillers' Securities Corporation.

Inquiries are becoming urgent from representatives of the French Government for supplies of alcohol. All stocks of alcohol in France have been commandeered by the Government and it is assured that large orders for the French are imminent.

Receiver for Missouri, Kansas and Texas

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 27.—Charles E. Schaff today was appointed receiver for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway company by United States Circuit Judge Elmer B. Adams. Mr. Schaff is president of the road. The receiver was named upon a joint petition by the Railway Steel Springs Company, of New Jersey, and D. B. Hussey, a tie contractor.

WHEAT WEAKENED;
SEPTEMBER ACTIVE

Report Current That Canada Would Remove American Duty

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—September wheat was again the feature upon the opening of the grain market today. It opened 3¢ cents under Saturday's closing quotation, and then made up 2¢ cents of the loss in the early hours. Offerings were exceedingly light and small sales easily swayed the price. Cash wheat trading closer to September has given the latter strength. Other features broke about even with Saturday's closing prices, but possessed an uncertain under tone.

Prices sagged in the afternoon and September fell to \$1.02 at the close, with other months also soft.

The report that Canada was to remove the duty from American wheat, to take advantage of the reciprocity treaty and get Canadian wheat into this country free of duty, and the varying reports of the progress of the loan to the Allies, kept up a constant nervous tension among traders.

Farms are stubbornly holding back shipments with the expectation of getting \$1.00 a bushel, as they did last year, but it is reported they will not do so, as the export demand is far beneath that of 1914. In fact, it is estimated United States must ship out 1,000,000 bushels a day to dispose of the surplus, and this is not being done consistently. Exports last week totaled 8,317,000 bushels of which 1,886,000 bushels were sent out as flour; 139,000 bushels of corn and 1,386,000 bushels of wheat. The Pacific coast shipped 62,000 bushels.

Leading features ranged as follows:

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